

**GSBS Standing Committee Reports
For February 11, 2021
Faculty Meeting**

Academic Standards Committee (Dr. Mohammad Salehpour, Chair)

The Committee has met 5 times since the last faculty meeting and approved:

- 34 Advisory Committees
- 7 Requests for Secondary Area of Concentration
- 21 Requests for Committee changes
- 9 Petitions for M.S. degree Candidacy
- 39 Petitions for Ph.D. Candidacy

Other matters taken up by the committee:

Reviewed probation status of students due to delays on completion of academic milestone, specifically forming the advisory committee; students to remain on academic probation until completion of first meeting with advisory committee

Set a deadline for one student who is overdue to petition for PhD candidacy exam to: 1) either schedule and take the exam by the end of Sept 2020; 2) submit a petition for MS candidacy; or 3) complete a leave of absence from GSBS for the Fall 2020 semester.

Recommended to a student who is overdue for the completion of the PhD degree to request the Dean for an extension of enrollment to Spring 2021 but to let student know that should the request be approved, no further extension will be allowed if student fails to complete the PhD at the end of the spring term.

Admissions Committee (Dr. Sean Marrelli, Chair)

- Total PhD applications received: 761
- Total complete PhD applications: 743
- PhD applications reviewed by Admissions Committee: 496
- Interview offers: 157
 - Declined offer to interview: 2

- Total SMS applications received: 330
- Total complete SMS applications: 323
 - Genetic Counseling: 314
 - Medical Physics: 9

- Total MS in Biomedical Sciences received (to date*): 23
*The Committee will meet on April 14 to review applications to the MS program

For comparison, 875 PhD applicants and 838 complete PhD applications were received for Fall 2020, a decrease of 11%.

For comparison, 269 complete SMS applications were received in 2020. 261 Genetic Counseling applications were received, an increase of 20% for 2021. Additionally, 11 Medical Physics SMS applications were received in 2020, a decrease of 18% for 2021.

Curriculum Committee (Dr. Kyle Jones, Chair)

The Committee had four (4) meetings since the last Faculty meeting in September.

1. Discussed 11 courses that will undertake review
 - Major Course Review (8 courses)
 - a. GS02 1272: Statistics for Medical Physicists
 - b. GS04 1103: Principles of Therapeutics
 - c. GS04 1235: Basic and Translational Cancer Biology
 - d. GS04 1253: Principles of Genetics and Epigenetics
 - e. GS06 1132: Application of Tumor Immunology in the Clinical Setting
 - f. GS11 1073: Introduction to Genomics and Bioinformatics
 - g. GS11 1082: Psychosocial Issues in Genetic Counseling II
 - h. GS14 1214: Molecular and Cellular Neuroscience
 - Follow-up Course Review (3 courses)
 - a. GS06 1611: Advanced Topics in Immunology
 - b. GS07 1092: Topics in Microbiology and Infectious Diseases
 - c. GS21 1232: Translational Sciences: From Bedside to Bench and Back
2. Student Focus Group meetings conducted/scheduled for the following courses:
 - a. GS04 1253: Principles of Genetics and Epigenetics – completed on January 14
 - b. GS04 1235: Basic and Translational Cancer Biology – completed on January 22
 - c. GS04 1103: Principles of Therapeutics – scheduled on February 3
3. Presented, discussed, and/or approved the following items:
 - a. Committee Charge and Course Review Procedures
 - b. Committee assignment/s of courses for review (major and follow-up)
 - c. Standardized syllabus format for GSBS courses
 - d. Created subcommittee to discuss the potential future of GSBS online courses.

Membership Committee (Dr. William Margolin, Chair)

The Committee met two times since the last Faculty Meeting in September.

The Committee approved the following:

- 17 applications for Regular Membership
- 8 applications for Associate Membership
- 3 applications for reappointment with highest commendation
- 8 applications for reappointment with commendation
- 25 applications for reappointment
- 4 applications for reappointment with encouragement

Program Directors Committee (Dr. Claire Singletary, Chair)

The Committee met twice since the last Faculty Meeting and discussed the following topics:

- GSBS Dean's office staff changes
- GSBS response to the pandemic
- Program Directors and Program Coordinator duties
- Annual Program Progress Reports
- GSBS and Program Faculty membership
- Election of a new chair for the committee

Student Scholarship Committee (Dr. Jian Hu, Chair)

1. Discussed the 2020 Fall Awards criteria and evaluated 74 applications for 21 different fellowship/scholarships and selected 36 awardees as shown below:

Award Name	Recipients	Advisor	Program
Andrew Sowell-Wade Huggins Scholarships in Cancer Research	Swetha Anandhan	Padmanee Sharma	IMM
	Rumi Lee	Ron DePinho	CB
	Ye Li	Katy Rezvani	IMM
	Ziqiao Wang	Peng Wei	QS
	Mikayla Waters (pre candidacy)	Melinda Yates	BCB
	Yao Zhao (pre candidacy)	Jinzhong Yang	MP
Cancer Answers/Sylvan Rodriguez Scholarship	Iman Sahnoune	George Calin	NS
Sylvan Rodriguez Foundation Scholarship honoring George M. Stancel, PhD	Angel Garces	David Grosshans	BS
Investing in Student Futures Scholarship	Vidhi Chandra	Florencia McAllister	CB
	Anh Kim Trinh Nguyen	Anne-Marie Krachler	MID
	Sonia Patel	John Heymach	CB
T.C. Hsu Memorial Scholarship	Rakhee Bajaj	Don Gibbons	CB
The Fadine Jackson Roquemore Scholarship in Cancer Research	Mary Fuentes	Pawel Mazur	CB
Steve Lasher and Janiece Longoria Graduate Student Research Award in Cancer Biology	Parin Shah	Anirban Maitra	IMM

Ellen Taylor Goldin Legacy Award	Sharbacha Edward	Stephen Kry	MP
George M. Stancel, Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences	Ileana Corsi	Theresa Koehler	MMG
	Savannah West	Askar Akimzhanov	BCB
Floyd Haar, MD, Endowed Memorial Research Award in Memory of Freda Haar	Mary Figueroa	Joya Chandra	TAP
Sam Taub and Beatrice Burton Endowed Fellowships in Vision Disease	Shengxi Li	Hyun-Eui Kim	CB
Jesse B. Heath, Jr. Family Legacy Award	Jeilin Liu	Padmanee Sharma	IMM
City Federation of Women's Club Endowed Scholarship in the Biomedical Science	Alec Santiago	Kevin Morano	MID
Wei Yu Family Endowed Scholarship	Anupallavi Srinivasamani	Michael Curran	IMM
The Antje Wuelfrath Gee and Harry Gee, Jr. Family Legacy Award	Shikun Wang	Liang Li	QS
	Xiaojie Yang	Pawel Mazur	CB
R.W. Butcher Achievement Award	Vinay Nair	Alex Gorfe	BCB
Gigli Family Endowed Scholarship	Eyad Shihabeddin	John O'Brien	NS
Ralph B. Arlinghaus, PhD Scholarship	Shucheng Miao	Gigi Lozano	BS
Ray Meyn Scholarship in Cancer Research	Jing Qian	Powel Brown	CB
Dr. John J. Kopchick Fellowships	Archit Ghosh	Kunal Rai	GE
	Yuyin Lin	Nick Navin	QS
	Yasaman Barekatin	Florian Muller	MP
	Nabina Paudyal	Vasanthi Jayaraman	BCB
	Carolina Garcia Garcia	Cullen Taniguchi	CB
	Jovanka Gencel-Augusto	Gigi Lozano	GE
	Jennifer Hurtig	Ambro van Hoof	MID
Charlene Kopchick Fellowship	Soleil Hernandez	Laurence Court	MP

Other Awards (Nominees):

Award Name	Nominees	Advisor	Program
Tzu Chi Scholarship Award for Excellence	Lourdes Castro Pando	Florencia McAllister	CB
	Heather Sonnemann	Greg Lizee	IMM
Thomas F. Burks Scholarship for Academic Merit	Tapsi Kumar	Nick Navin	QS
	Meaghan Mones	David Rodriguez-Buritica	GC

2. Other accomplishments:

- Conducted SSC Fall Award meeting on December 1, 2020.
- Conducted interview of Kopchick finalists on January 7, 2021.